

SCHOOL WARRANT
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Newmarket, in the County of Rockingham, State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in district affairs: You are hereby notified of the annual meeting.

The first session, for the transaction of all business other than voting by official ballot, shall be held **Saturday, February 5, 2022** at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall Auditorium. The first session shall consist of explanation, discussion, and debate of warrant articles 02-07. Warrant articles may be amended, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Warrant articles whose wording is prescribed by law shall not be amended.
- (b) Warrant articles that are amended shall be placed on the official ballot for final vote on the main motion, as amended.
- (c) No warrant article shall be amended to eliminate the subject matter of the article.

The second session of the annual meeting, to vote on Articles 01-07 shall be conducted by official ballot to be held in conjunction with the Newmarket Town voting on **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**, at the Town Hall Auditorium. The polls shall be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Article 01. To choose the following School District Officers:

- 1. One School District Moderator- (one year term)
- 2. One School District Clerk- (one year term)
- 3. One School District Treasurer-(one year term)
- 4. Two School Board Members- (three year terms)

Article 2: "Shall the Newmarket School District vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set for the therein, totaling **\$25,233,982**. Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be **\$24,756,159** which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Newmarket School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only?" (Majority ballot vote required).

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5-0).

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-0)

Note: Warrant Article 2 (operating budget) does not include appropriations in ANY other warrant article. The total operating budget will be offset by estimated Federal grant revenues of \$700,000 and an estimated \$402,034 in local, state and federal child nutrition revenue, leaving a net budget of \$24,131,948. The amount of \$1,102,034 will not be raised by taxes. If passed, it is estimated that this article will result in an increase of \$1.72 over the previous year's school tax rate of \$19.60, which will

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result in a new estimated tax rate of \$21.32. If defeated, it is estimated that this article will result in an increase of \$1.25 over the previous year's school tax rate of \$19.60 which will result in a new estimated tax rate of \$20.85.

Article 3: Shall the District vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Newmarket School Board and the Newmarket Teachers' Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels over those paid in the prior fiscal year:

Year	Estimated Increase
2022-2023	\$437,927
2023-2024	\$446,488
2024-2025	\$447,515

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$437,927 for the upcoming year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels?

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5 -0)

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-0)

Note: The estimated tax impact of this warrant article is \$0.44. (Majority vote required).

Article 4: Shall the District, if article 3 is defeated, authorize the governing body to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article 3 cost items only? (Majority vote required).

Article 5: To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be added to the Repair and Maintenance of School Facilities Expendable Trust Fund, previously established, to support the Elementary School Playground Renovation Project. This sum to come from the June 30, 2022 fund balance, available for transfer on July 1, 2022. **(No amount to be raised from taxation)**. (Majority vote required).

The School Board recommends this appropriation (5 -0)

The Budget Committee recommends this appropriation (10-0)

Article 6: To see if the District will adopt the revisions to RSA 198:4-b, II enacted in 2020, which allows the District to authorize, indefinitely until rescinded to retain up to 5% of the District's net assessment in any year, allows the expenditure of any amount retained after the School Board first holds a public hearing, and requires the School Board to include an annual reporting of the retained fund balance in its annual report to the District?

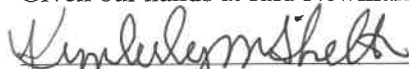
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Note: In 2014, the District voted to authorize, until rescinded, to retain year-end unassigned general funds in an amount not to exceed 2.5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment. In 2020, RSA 198:4-b, II was amended by the State legislature to allow retention of up to 5% of the current fiscal year's net assessment. This article will increase the allowable retained percentage from "up to 2.5%" to "up to 5%", in alignment with the state law, as amended in 2020. Should this article be defeated, the original authorized language of "up to 2.5%" of the current year's net assessment will remain in place.

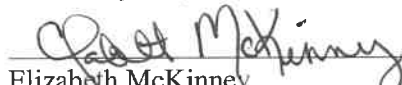
The School Board recommends this warrant article (5-0).

Article 7: To transact any business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given our hands at said Newmarket, New Hampshire, on the 20th day of January 2022.



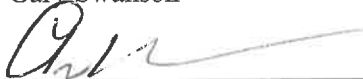
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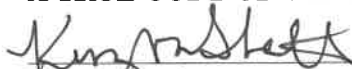


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Newmarket School Clerk